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Work starts on Hampton's Capital Improvement Plan for 2015-2019

Oct. 21, 2013 – The city is hard at work on the 2015-2019 Capital Improvement Plan, including a schedule for meetings and community forums that will help the public learn about and shape Hampton's long-range objectives.

The Capital Improvement Plan, or CIP, is a five-year schedule for acquiring property and equipment, new construction and other major improvements to existing public facilities. The first year of the plan becomes part of the city manager's recommended budget each year. The other years serve as guidelines and goals for the future.

The process begins when city manager Mary Bunting and her staff meet with individual commissions or offices to discuss capital projects – those that cost more than \$50,000 and have a life expectancy of more than five years. Upcoming meetings - which are open to the public but may not include time set aside for public comment - include:

- Nov. 4, Hampton Youth Commission: 6 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room on the 5th floor of City Hall, 22 Lincoln St.
- Nov. 7, Hampton Planning Commission: 3:30 p.m. in City Council Chambers on the 8th floor of City Hall.
- Nov. 12, Clean City Commission: 3:30 p.m. in the Community Development Conference Room.
- Nov. 18, Hampton Neighborhood Commission: 5 p.m. in the Community Development Conference room.
- November 20, Downtown Hampton Development Partnership: 8:30 a.m. in the partnership offices at 710 Settlers Landing Road.

The first community-wide forum – which will include time for public comment, will be Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. at the West Hampton community Center, 12638 Briarfield Road. The second community-wide forum will be Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at Kecoughtan High School, 522 Woodland Road.

The forums are part of an overall plan to review and categorize all new funding requests and the various revenue sources available.

The objectives of the CIP include working on projects that support the city's community plan, and balancing the city's need for new or enhanced economic development with existing development and capital renewal needs. The final plan has to be approved by City Council.

For more information on Hampton's Capital Improvement Plan, and to see the 2014-2018 plan that was approved by City Council, go to www.hampton.gov/budget

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